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Examiner's Statement of Reason(s) for Allowance

1. Claims 49-85 (renumbered as 1-37) are allowed.
2. IDS filed on 8/5/2011 has been considered.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, EP0997807, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggests at least:

...determining the authentication status of the computing device, wherein the computing device's authentication status is authenticated if at least one piece of the computing device's resident software has been authenticated, and the computing device's authentication status is not authenticated if none of the computing device's resident software has been authenticated;

determining an authentication status of the available software, wherein the available software's authentication status is authenticated if the available software has been authenticated by the computing device, and the available software's authentication status is not authenticated if the available software has not been authenticated by the computing device; and

changing the computing device's authentication status to authenticated and loading the available software into the application storage area if the computing device's authentication status is determined to be not authenticated and the available software's authentication status is determined to be authenticated.

as recited in the independent claims 49, 59, 69, and 77.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to INSUN KANG whose telephone number is (571)272-3724. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 7:30-6 PM.

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